

House Resolution 636

By: Representative Graves of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Piedmont Mountainside Hospital and its president and CEO, Ed Lovern, on
2 being named "Hospital of the Year" and "Hospital CEO of the Year" for 2006 by the Georgia
3 Alliance of Community Hospitals; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Piedmont Mountainside Hospital is a 35 bed hospital located in Jasper, Georgia,
5 that serves patients in Pickens and several other counties in the foothills of the Appalachian
6 Mountains; and

7 WHEREAS, the facility is a member of Piedmont Healthcare, a nonprofit organization that
8 serves as the parent company for Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Piedmont Fayette Hospital
9 of Fayetteville, the Piedmont Physicians Group, the Piedmont Hospital Foundation, and the
10 Piedmont Clinic; and

11 WHEREAS, in two short years, the hospital has made significant progress toward its goal
12 of becoming one of the best small hospitals in the country; and

13 WHEREAS, Piedmont Mountainside Hospital was named among the nation's 25 Most
14 Improved in the 2006 *Hospitals & Health Networks' Most Wired* survey; and

15 WHEREAS, in the past two years, the hospital increased its staff from 264 to 339 employees,
16 added more than 65 physicians to its medical staff, and increased overall physician
17 satisfaction from 77 percent in 2004 to 93 percent in 2005 and overall employee satisfaction
18 from 17 percent to 98 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, the facility increased its number of infant deliveries from 171 in 2004 to 274
20 in 2006 and increased its number of surgeries from 1,450 to more than 1,900; and

1 WHEREAS, the hospital has implemented a series of community education programs,
2 including its successful "Dessert and Discussion with the Doctor" which attracts more than
3 130 people each month; and

4 WHEREAS, the hospital has demonstrated a vision for a true community hospital and has
5 shared that vision with staff and physicians, leading to the creation of a community medical
6 clinic that was founded by volunteers to provide primary care to uninsured county residents;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Piedmont Healthcare provides outstanding health care services with the highest
9 caliber of professionalism, including cardiovascular care, women's services, oncology,
10 orthopedics, neuroscience, and kidney, pancreas, and liver transplantation, using state of the
11 art technology; and

12 WHEREAS, Piedmont Mountainside Hospital's economic contribution is approximately \$65
13 million annually; and

14 WHEREAS, in October, 2006, the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals named the
15 facility "Hospital of the Year" and recognized its president and chief executive officer, Ed
16 Lovern, as "Hospital CEO of the Year."

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body congratulate Piedmont Mountainside Hospital and its president and
19 CEO, Ed Lovern, for being named "Hospital of the Year" and "Hospital CEO of the Year"
20 for 2006 and recognize their many contributions to the health care of Georgia's residents.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Piedmont Mountainside
23 Hospital.